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Fargo Man Sentenced to 321 Months in Prison for use of a Firearm during a Drug Trafficking Crime, Conspiracy to Tamper with a Witness, and Continuing Criminal Enterprise

FARGO - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced today that

Kelly James McCracken of Fargo, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson on Federal drug charges.

McCracken, 28, pleaded guilty on April 20, 2005, to two counts of use of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, one count of conspiracy to tamper with a witness, and one count of continuing criminal enterprise. The incidents occurred in January 2002 through February of 2005 in the District of North Dakota.

Judge Erickson sentenced McCracken to 321 months' imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised release. McCracken was ordered to pay to pay a \$400 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Assistant United States Attorney Chris Myers prosecuted the case.

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